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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Plat et al.
 Serial No.: 10/079,775
 Filed: February 19, 2002
 Group Art Unit: 2823
 Before the Examiner: Lee, Hsien Ming
 Title: A METHOD FOR REDUCING ANTI-REFLECTIVE
 COATING LAYER REMOVAL DURING REMOVAL OF
 PHOTORESIST

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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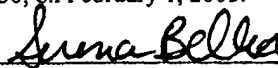
In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 10, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 10, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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